

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APRIL 12, 2010

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Tuesday, April 12th, 2010 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 29th meeting as presented. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OCRA GRANT

Michael McDaniel of EIDD presented the close out OCRA grant documents for the commissioners to approve and sign. Marvin Cole made the motion to approve and sign the documents. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

McDaniel also explained that \$108,012.64 the county will be penalized \$1,500.00 for not filing a portion of the required grant properly. The county will process the invoice within thirty (30) days of receipt of the grant money.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, submitted his March monthly report. Sitton reported that beginning in May he would no longer be investing monies in CD's. Sitton explained that he collects more interest in his checking account than in CD's.

Bill Todd expressed concerns of semi's crossing at the Ft. Wayne Rd and 200 North intersections. Todd expressed that with the recent increase in traffic this intersection has become dangerous. Todd indicated that the state has informed him that this county road for them to resolve the situation.

After further discussion, Ken Masters made the motion to restrict the speed limit to 30 mph 200 North from St Rd 3 to Ft Wayne Rd. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

After more discussion, Ken Masters made the motion to continue the speed limit to 30 mph along Ft. Wayne Rd on into the city limits. The speed limit is to continue until it is repealed. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

County Attorney Leigh Morning will prepare the ordinance. Mary Ann Beard who lives on Ft. Wayne Road commended Sheriff Jeff Sherwood and his deputies for enforcing the speed limit on the road.

TREASURER

Mary Ann Beard, Treasurer, asked the commissioners to approve the contract with Main Source Bank for the printing of the TS-1 tax statements. Beard reported that Main Source has printed the statements for the past three years. Beard also reported that quotes were also received from Performa, and Boyce Forms. Main Source quoted a price of .55 cents per statement. Ken Masters made the motion to accept and sign the contract with Main Source Bank. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

Bill Todd, Area Plan Director, reported that he has asked Sidwell to update the Zoning Maps. Todd noted that he has budgeted this upcoming expense.

Todd reported that he will be attending a seminar on Residential Code on Plumbing. Todd also reported that he along with Surveyor Marvin Rees will be attending a seminar April 20th regarding how to maintain and certify levies.

Todd indicated that an area citizen has a hole in their house roof and he is looking for assistance. Ken Masters advised Todd to check with ICAP.

KUHN-McLIMORE SUB DIVISION

Craig and Loretta Solman along with Lisa Smith approached the commissioners to further discuss the Kuhn-McLimore Subdivision. Commissioners Marvin Cole and Tom Barnes both visited the Milroy water tower area. They expressed that they were not convinced that anything further needed done to the area.

After further discussion regarding the groups questions and concerns of the affidavit of adverse possession. County attorney Leigh Morning advised the group that the commissioners cannot make a decision on this matter. Morning advised that the courts must make a decision. Morning did advise the group that the commissioners only have the authority to hear issues to close roads and alleys.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported 50 inmates currently being housed in the Rush County jail. Five (5) inmates are sentenced and forty-five (45) inmates are pre-sentenced.

Sherwood reported that the weekly meetings with INDOT are being changed to 8:00 am Wednesday mornings beginning April 21st.

Sheriff Merit Deputy Jim Owens will be retiring August 1st. Sherwood informed the commissioners that he will ask the council permission to fill the position. The commissioners gave their blessing making note of the financial constraints of the county.

SOLID WASTE

The commissioners signed the “*Earth 2010 Living Sustainably Proclamation*” on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion Carried.

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AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, Received approval of payroll claims for the period ending April 16th on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

Bi-weekly claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

The Anytime Corporate Agreement was renewed on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

Adams presented the EMC commercial package through Schroeder Agency for the commissioners to review. After further review and discussion the commissioners asked Adams to contact Schroeder’s for a walk thru of the properties.

EMS

The commissioners reviewed run reports received from Carthage Vol. Fire Dept., Anderson Twp. Fire Dept., and Raleigh Fire Dept.

Jeff Sherwood commended Anderson Twp for responding to every call and doing a great job as an EMS unit.

EMA

Tom Barnes spoke in the absence of Mike Ooley. Barnes who serves on the EMA Advisory Council reported that the SHSP 2009 will be submitting a WEB EOC grant for the purchase of two (2) large TV’s in each regions. Barnes reported that a location will need to be found and the grant will need to be submitted within the next thirty (30) days. Due to security reasons the TV’s that are being supplied through the WEB EOC grant will not be available for public use outside EMA training.

Barnes provided updates on the Hazardous Mitigation, Rebanding and of the 800 MHz radios.

The commissioners approved the 2009 Emergency Management Performance Grant Sub-Grant Agreement on a motion from Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried. The Sub-Grant is for the amount not to exceed \$6,175.00 and will finance one-half the salary of Mike Ooley. EMA director.

PREVENTATIVE COURTHOUSE AGREEMENT

The commissioners held discussion on the merits of the references of previously presented and opened bids. Ken Masters made the motion to award the contract to Turnkey, Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried. The commissioners stressed that in no way were they dissatisfied with services that QPH (Quality Plumbing Hardware) has provided over the past years. Due to the cost savings, the decision was strictly a financial decision.

MISC

- Tom Barnes reported on the possibility of considering the purchasing of a conference recording system to be utilized in future meetings. Deborah Adams shared her support.
- Commissioners reviewed the Treasurers monthly report for March.

Motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. was received from Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Barnes, Chairman

Marvin Cole

Ken Masters

ATTEST:

Deborah C. Adams, Auditor